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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE TO U.S. YACHT

CREW BY PEOPLE TO PEOPLE SPORTS COMMITTEE

FOR PAO

1. DEPARTMENT (CU/WE) HAS BEEN APPROACHED FOR ASSISTANCE BY PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE SPORTS COMMITTEE, INC., SPONSOR OF AMERICAN ENTRANT TO TWO-TON INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACES, SAN REMO, ITALY. AMERICAN ENTRANT, YACHT "AGRESSIVE" ENROUTE FROM UNITED STATES TO VALENCIA, SPAIN ON BOARD SOVIET FREIGHTER, "50 LEITE KOMSOMOLA" SCHEDULED ARRIVE VALENCIA BETWEEN AUGUST 28 AND 30. YACHT WILL BE PICKED UP AT VALENCIA BY AMERICAN CREW AND SAILED TO SAN REMO FOR RACE. COMMITTEE REQUESTS EMBASSY AND VALENCIA CONSULAR AGENT TO FACILITATE CUSTOMS AND OTHER DOCK FORMALITIES.

2. WE UNDERSTAND MS. BRUNELLE OF OFFICE OF COMMITTEE'S PRESIDENT LEONARD MILTON HAS TELEPHONED EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION FOR ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING HOTEL SPACE IN VALENCIA FOR CREW: ROBERT A. PETERSON, AL DECLERQ, DICK CLOGG AND TED SANFORD. THEY HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN FINDING
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HOUSING FOR TIME THEY WILL BE AWAITING YACHT AND PREPARING

FOR VOYAGE. MS. BRUNELLE PLANS TO CALL CONSULAR SECTION

AGAIN MONDAY, AUGUST 19.

3. REALIZING LIMITS ON WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT HOTELS IN
AUGUST AND ABOUT FACILITATING YACHT UNLOADING, WE WOULD
APPRECIATE POST DOING WHAT POSSIBLE FOR CREW. WE
HAVE SUGGESTED TO COMMITTEE THAT IT SHOULD DEPEND ON
SHIPPING AGENT (FOREIGN FORWARDING, INC., BOX 2991,
HAMPTON STATION, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53218) AND CUSTOMS
BROKER IN VALENCIA TO HANDLE VESSEL CLEARANCE ON ARRIVAL.
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